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1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF WEALTH OF RECENTLY
ACQUIRED DATA ON COMMUNIST LOGISTIC SUPPORT EFFORT
CARRIED ON IN AND THROUGH CAMBODIA WAS PUBLISHED ON
8 ~~SEP~~ SEPTEMBER AS [REDACTED] "NEW EVIDENCE ON MILITARY
DELIVERIES TO CAMBODIA: DECEMBER ~~KXX~~ 1966 - APRIL 1969."
THIS MEMORANDUM IS GOING TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT
BECAUSE IT REPORTS THAT DOCUMENTS EXAMINED TO DATE
INDICATE THAT TOTAL TONNAGE OF SUPPLIES FOR VC/NVA FORCES
WHICH APPARENTLY ENTERED KOMPONG SOM (SIHANOUKVILLE) ON
NINE CHICOM SHIPS DURING 29 MONTH PERIOD COVERED WAS ABOUT

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26,000 METRIC TONS OF WHICH ABOUT 22,000 TONS (21,748)
WAS MILITARY CARGO. FURTHER, THOUGH FARK KNOWN TO HAVE
RECEIVED ABOUT 10% AVERAGE CUT, FARK DELIVERIES MAY BE
COVERED ON SEPARATE PACKING LISTS AND, IF SO, THIS 21,748
TOTAL REPRESENTS DELIVERIES TO VC/NVA.

2. XK AS ALL WILL INSTANTLY RECOGNIZE, THESE FIGURES
WILL ADD FUEL TO LONG STANDING DISPUTE OVER PROVABLE
SIHANOUKVILLE MILITARY IMPORT KKKX LEVELS. CLOSEST
COMPARABLE FIGURES ARE [REDACTED] PREVIOUS POSITION
THAT RELIABLE EVIDENCE SHOWED 4,990 TONS CONFIRMED, 3,567
POSSIBLE FOR TOTAL OF 8,557 AND MACV POSITION OF 7,298 TONS
PROBABLE, 8,540 POSSIBLE FOR TOTAL OF 15,836. ACTUALLY,
WHOLE COMMUNITY WAS LOW AND IF MACV WAS CLOSER, AS IT
CLEARLY WAS, THIS IS BECAUSE MACV UNCRITICALLY ACCEPTED
QUESTIONABLE EVIDENCE THAT HAPPENED TO

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POINT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ~~NONETHELESS~~, WHEN THIS MEMO HITS MACV AND CINCPAC, MANY OF OUR MILITARY COLLEAGUES WILL WONDER, AND SOME MAY ~~ASK~~ ASK, WHETHER PREFERS ITS CROW FRIED OR SAUTEED.

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3. MEMO'S WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTION TO SENIOR AND WORKING LEVELS WAS CAREFULLY HANDLED. TRANSMITTAL NOTES TO AND ORAL BRIEFINGS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ALL STRESSED THE THEMES REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING TWO PARAGRAPHS, WHICH APPEARED IN MOST OF THE TRANSMITTAL NOTES:

A. AS YOU KNOW, FOR SOME TIME ONE OF THE ~~MX~~ INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S MAJOR CONCERNS HAS BEEN THE QUESTION OF THE LOGISTIC EFFORT CONDUCTED IN AND THROUGH CAMBODIA TO SUPPORT VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. WE HAVE LONG BEEN ENGAGED

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IN AN INTENSIVE, COORDINATED OPERATIONAL EFFORT TO DEVELOP HARD INFORMATION ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT. THIS EFFORT HAS PRODUCED A GOOD DEAL OF SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE AND IN RECENT WEEKS HAS PAID OFF IN SPADES. X THROUGH THESE INTEGRATED OPERATIONS, WE HAVE ACQUIRED AS SOURCES A NUMBER OF KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS WHO WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, AND THROUGH SOME OF THESE NEW SOURCES WE HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO A LARGE MASS OF DETAILED DOCUMENTARY RECORDS ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

B. AS INDICATED IN ITS INTRODUCTION, THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE NEW MATERIAL NOW AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. WE ARE CIRCULATING THIS PRELIMINARY

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ANALYSIS, AND DISSEMINATING THE EVIDENCE ON WHICH IT IS BASED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECT. I CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT OUR FIELD STATIONS ARE PROCESSING AND TRANSMITTING A LARGE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND, LITERALLY, SEVERAL THOUSAND PAGES OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS. THE DATA IN THE DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS NOT YET RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON MAY DIFFER IN MATERIAL RESPECTS FROM THE DOCUMENTS AND ~~XXXX~~REPORTS ON WHICH OUR PRELIMINARY SURVEY WAS ~~XXXX~~ BASED. ANALYSTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A LOT TO CHEW ON IN THE WEEKS AHEAD AND IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE WE GET THE WHOLE STORY SORTED ~~XXX~~ OUT.

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4. OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO AVOID BEING BLATANTLY SELF

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[REDACTED] THAT HAD COLLECTED THE NEW EVIDENCE AND ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

THAT HAD WRITTEN THE FIRST MEMORANDUM REVISING OUR

PREVIOUS JUDGMENTS. THE INITIAL SENIOR LEVEL WASHINGTON

REACTION TO THIS MEMORANDUM HAS BEEN VERY FAVORABLE.

5. WE ARE POUCHING [REDACTED] FIVE

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COPIES (EACH) OF THE MEMO BY TRANSMITTAL MANIFEST. REQUEST

EACH OF YOU ARRANGE APPROPRIATE DELIVERY TO AMBASSADOR

25X1 AND MACV IN SAIGON [REDACTED] BUT LEAVE TO

YOUR DISCRETION JUST ~~NO~~ WHOM TO DELIVER COPIES AND HOW.

THIS CABLE IS TO PREVENT YOUR BEING CAUGHT OFF BASE WHEN

WORD OF MEMO INDEPENDENTLY RELAYED VIA MILITARY CHANNELS

AND TO ENABLE YOUR APPROACH TO CONFORM TO THE ONE USED

HERE AFTER YOU GET COPIES.

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